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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF HUNGARIAN AGITATION

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1. FORMER "PASSPORT DISSIDENT" OLTEANU, WHOSE TRAVELS TO AUSTRIA AND RETURN TO BUCHAREST ARE DESCRIBED REF A, GAVE EMBOFF INFORMATION RE RECENT HUNGARIAN AGITATION. OLTEANU (PROTECT) SAID HE HAD HEARD PETRE BORILA, WHO DIED SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND WHOSE WIDO OLTEANU IDENTIFIED AS HUNGARIAN. (NOTE: EMBASSY INFORMATION CONFIRMS THAT BORILA, WHO DIED IN 1973, LEFT WIDOW OF HUNGARIAN ORIGIN. WE HAVE NOTHING ON BORILA'S SON, BUT INTERESTINGLY, DAUGHTER IS MARRIED TO CEAUSESCU'S ELDEST SON.)

2. FOLLOWING ARE TIDBITS:
--SUBSEQUENT TO DISCLOSURE OF KIRALY LETTER, THERE WAS AN ABORTIVE DEMONSTRATION OF HUNGARIANS IN TIRGU-MURES WHO TRIED TO RAISE HUNGARIAN FLAG.
--THERE ARE RUMORS THAT KIRALY HAS LEFT THE COUNTRY.
--RECENTLY A LARGE ROMANIAN TRUCK CARRYING FURNITURE FROM TIRGU-MURES FACTORY TO HUNGARY WAS RETURNED FROM HUNGARY,
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STILL LOADED, ON ALLEGATIONS OF POOR QUALITY OR DOCUMENTARY IRREGULARITIES. ROMANIAN CUSTOMS REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE TRUCK BACK INTO ROMANIA WITHOUT INSPECTION, AND VEHICLE WAS FOUND TO BE CARRYING GUNS. SUPPOSITION IS THAT WEAPONS WERE BEING SENT TO HUNGARIANS IN ROMANIA.

3. COMMENT: WE DISCOUNT LAST ITEM ON GUN-RUNNING SINCE IT WOULD

APPEAR TO IMPLY OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN COLLUSION, ALTHOUGH ROMANIANS WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT POSSIBILITY SOMETHING OF THIS SORT COULD TAKE PLACE WITH COLLUSION OF LOCAL HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF BUDAPEST--OR EVEN AT INSTIGATION OF SOVIEITS. BEYOND NOTING THAT GOR'S RECENT FIRE-FIGHTING EFFORTS ON MINORITIES QUESTIONS AND KIRALY WOULD WELL POINT TO EXISTENCE OF A FIRE, WE ARE OTHERWISE UNABLE TO COMMENT ON ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION. BUT IT IS ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT APRIL 9 SCINTEIA CARRIED CEAUSESCU'S STIFF POKE AT HOMERUN BALL ON HUNGARIAN MINORITY AGITATION IN U.S. THROWN HIM BY HEARST CORRESPONDENT

JOHN WALLACH IN MARCH 28 INTERVIEW: "I MUST TELL YOU I DID NOT UNDERSTAND AND DO NOT NOW UNDERSTAND WHY THIS KIND OF PROPAGANDA IS ENCOURAGED IN THE U.S., (SINCE IT) IS BASED ONLY ON DISINFORMATION ABOUT CONCRETE REALITIES IN ROMANIA AND PURSUES ONLY GOALS (WHICH ARE) HOSTILE TO OUR COUNTRY, INCLUDING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ROMANIA."
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